

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 970

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Vincent J. Hunter,
Executive Principal of Whitehaven High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Whitehaven High School Executive Principal Dr. Vincent J. Hunter is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter serves as the primary interface between Whitehaven High School and parent, student, and community stakeholders; he is passionate about the educational challenges faced by young people and does his utmost to turn the learning environment into a positive, supportive "empowerment zone"; and

WHEREAS, well-versed in the Jean-Jacques Rousseau philosophy of education, Dr. Vincent Hunter holds fast to the motto "Every Child Has Worth and Dignity" as he works tirelessly on behalf of his students to afford them every opportunity to be successful both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, he leads by example, inspiring instructors to work hard, embrace technology, and approach the challenges students face with dignity and precision, all while providing real-world experiences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Hunter has twenty-four years of experience as a mathematics teacher and principal and is highly regarded among those in his profession for his acumen and expertise; he has been tapped to serve as a principal mentor for Shelby County Schools' Urban

Education Executive Leadership Program, New Leaders New Schools, and Christian Brothers University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter is a 1982 graduate of Whitehaven High School and holds degrees from Memphis State University (1990), the University of Memphis (2000), and California Coast University (2006); and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Tracy; his two sons, Vincent, Jr., and Tyler; and his daughter, Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter is a proud member of the Parkway Village Church of Christ, where he and his wife met and where they commune weekly with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Hunter is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout his career in education to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Whitehaven High School, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Hunter epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Whitehaven High School Executive Principal Dr. Vincent J. Hunter, commending his exceptional service to the students of Tennessee, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.